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SUBJECT: SEMINAR ON IMPACT OF TRADE REFORM ACT

1. ON JANUARY 13, THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA SPONSORED A SEMINAR ON THE IMPACTS OF THE TAX REFORM ACT ON U.S. BUSINESSMEN RESIDING OVERSEAS. THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE SEMINAR, WHICH WAS HEAVILY ATTENDED, WAS MR. LEWIS BURRIDGE, CHAIRMAN OF APCAC AND PRESIDENT OF STERLING ASIA-PACIFIC. AFTER A PRESENTATION BY LOCAL LAWYERS ON THE NATURE OF THE TAX LAW CHANGES AND THE CONSEQUENCES TO OVERSEAS U.S. RESIDENT BUSINESSMEN, MR. BURRIDGE OUTLINED AN ACTION PROGRAM DESIGNED TO SECURE CHANGES IN THE ACT. SAMPLE LETTERS TO SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES WERE DISTRIBUTED ALONG WITH LISTS OF

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THOSE ON THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE. CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$25 WERE SOLICITED TO COVER LEGAL COSTS WHICH WILL BE INCURRED.

2. AMONG THE ARGUMENTS BEING USED IS ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST U.S. BUSINESSMEN OVERSEAS IN COMPARISON WITH THE TREATMENT ACCORDED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

BURRIDGE INDICATED HE WOULD SEEK SUPPORT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AMONG OTHERS, ON THE BASIS THAT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES COULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE REPLACEMENT OF AMERICAN EXECUTIVES BY THIRD-COUNTRY OR LOCAL NATIONALS. THIS WILL LIKELY BE A TOPIC AT THE UPCOMING APCAC MEETING IN BANBKOK.
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